

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2021-210-E ORDER NO. 2022-43-H**

**MAY 9, 2022**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER:** C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

Request of Clifton Power Company on the Public Service Commission's Jurisdiction of Electric Vehicle Charging Station

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Petition to Intervene of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated ("DESC") filed April 27, 2022.

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

This matter comes before the Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of DESC in this Docket. The Petition has been timely filed and within the deadline to file a Petition to Intervene on April 27, 2022.

After it has been determined that the Petition to Intervene has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party or parties have clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the South Carolina Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.

DESC operates an integrated electric utility system that serves approximately 772,000 customers in 24 counties in central, southern and southwestern South Carolina. DESC's service territory covers nearly 16,000 square miles in South Carolina including the metropolitan areas of Charleston, Columbia, Beaufort, and Aiken and many other smaller cities and towns, and rural areas in South Carolina.

The Commission opened this proceeding on the request of Clifton Power Company, a manufacturer and installer of electric vehicle charging stations in South Carolina. In its request, Clifton states that its charging stations are located throughout the state in service areas assigned to investor-owned utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and electric cooperatives.

DESC has a substantial and material interest in the subject matter of the above-captioned proceeding, in that the outcome of the proceeding will directly impact DESC. As a public utility, DESC is subject to the regulatory authority of the Commission pursuant to Title 58 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina. DESC's interests are directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding and cannot be adequately represented by any other party. Accordingly, DESC submits that good cause exists for the Commission to allow the Company to participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding. DESC has not developed a final position in this matter, but reserves the right to modify, amend or expand any position the Company develops during the course of this proceeding, including any position espoused herein.

From the discussion and assertions in DESC's Petition, this Hearing Officer holds that Dominion has satisfied all of the criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. The Petitioners' interest in these matters can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention. and their position. Although DESC has not formulated a position, it states that it may develop one during the course of this proceeding, which is satisfactory.

Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated is hereby granted in this Docket. This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.